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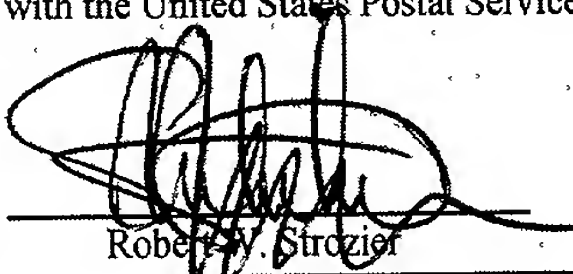
UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Docket No.

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EL 389 347 891 US Express Mail Number	CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10	23 October 2001 Date of Deposit
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Box Patent Application
Washington, D.C. 20231

Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

AIR FILTERING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR USING SAME

and invented by:

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If this application is a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check the appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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1. ☒ Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2. ☒ Specification having 42 pages, including the following:
 - a. ☒ Descriptive Title of the Invention
 - b. ☐ Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
 - c. ☐ Statement Regarding Federally-sponsored Research/Development (*if applicable*)
 - d. ☐ Reference to Microfiche Appendix (*if applicable*)
 - e. ☒ Background of the Invention
 - f. ☒ Summary of the Invention
 - g. ☒ Brief Description of the Drawings
 - h. ☒ Detailed Description of the Invention
 - i. ☒ Claim(s) as Classified Below
 - j. ☒ Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)
 - a. ☒ Formal b. ☐ Informal Number of Sheets 10
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
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6. ☐ Computer Program on Microfiche
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Accompanying Application Parts

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (*cover sheet & documents*)
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (*when there in an assignee*)
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11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Acknowledgment postcard
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
15. ☒ **Applicant claims the benefit of Small Entity Status**
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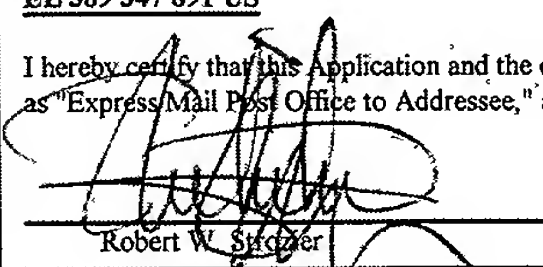
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